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Donna Shalala, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala:

Please defend the consumer's right to know when foods have been irradiated. **Labeling requirements** that are clear, prominent and honest will help consumers make intelligent choices.

Irradiation of food kills beneficial bacteria and alters the food nutritionally and chemically. Several tests have shown that irradiation causes chemical changes in food that may create carcinogens.

I am asking **the Food and Drug Administration** to require the permanent, precise labeling of irradiated foods.

Sincerely,

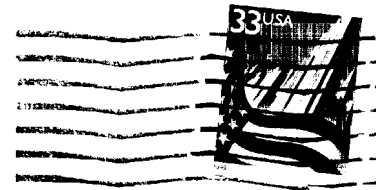


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